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## DEMAND FOR NEW CURRENCY.

United States Treasurer McClung and Director Ralph of the bureau of engraving and printing are just now making a tour of the sub-treasuries in an effort to discover if it is not possible to limit the redemption of bills, the cost having reached the maximum permissible under the last appropriation bill for this purpose. The demand for new paper currency—chiefly of the denominations of ones, twos and fives—has been steadily increasing in recent years and is now more rapid than ever, Boston and the New England region supplied by its sub-treasury being the head center for the whole country in this matter of insisting on having its issues of paper money always crisp and clean. It would seem therefore to be a case very largely of taste and of meeting the requirements of the people more or less finicky in their habits—perhaps over-acting. Not that any region of the country is averse to having clean, new bills, but it is a fact that not a few of them particularly the mining districts of the far-West and of Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the South are noticeably indifferent in the matter; they allow their paper currency to get greasy, ragged, black and sometimes almost unrecognizable as to denomination, and they are not prejudiced against the silver dollar, as most other sections are; "all money looks alike" to them apparently—the only thing being to get hold of it—and occasionally the very worst of their paper money finds its way into areas far remote from the place of its degradation, so to speak. On the whole, however, merchants and other large handlers of paper currency are always anxious to get the objectionable stuff into the banks promptly and on the route to redemption. Every observant person must have noticed the marked change for the better in this particular that has taken place in recent years. In and around New York City a dirty or a ragged bill comes into hand only very rarely—and even then dirty and ragged people are quite as likely to protest at it as are the cleanly and those in "velvet gowns." It will surprise most people to learn on the authority of Treasurer McClung that the life of a \$1 bill now averages about one year, while the average life of all denominations of paper money is three years. Even more surprising is his statement that during the 35 years of the existence of the redemption department of the treasury not a single case has been known there of the transmission of disease through the handling of old bills, though hundreds of employees handle millions of dollars of old money every day. It is next to impossible to conceive how this growing demand for redemption can be checked—for the population of the country is growing rapidly, the necessity for bills of small denomination is always increasing and the habits of the masses are steadily in the direction of a higher degree of cleanliness. Bigger appropriations would appear to be inevitable.

## THE LOCALITY ARGUMENT.

Speculation on the choice of a man for the place of the late Justice Harlan on the United States supreme court bench is largely concerned with locality. Men who are considered as possible appointees are thought by some guessers to be available or otherwise according as they live in a certain place, or do not happen to have that fortune.

Justice Harlan was from Kentucky, but it is figured out that as the south has three of the remaining eight justices, it has its due proportion. Thus it is being figured out why President Taft is likely to give Harlan's place to a Pacific coast man, or a middle westerner, or a New Englander. This kind of soothsaying takes no account of the special fitness of any suggested jurist.

On this basis it is figured out by some that Judge Works, who has been mentioned, is hardly eligible because the far west, with only a seventh of the country's population, has about a fourth of the court's membership. Such reasoning is, of course, wholly illogical and may easily be mischievous in effect. The locality argument had its origin in the politician's anxiety to strengthen the party's chance here or there when any act was performed; particularly when any "favors" were handed out.

In this insidious way politics has too often cut a figure in the court's composition, and sectionalism has taken precedence over fitness. Mr. Taft should put the seal of his disapproval on the old notion that Harlan's place belongs to any political party or any imaginary sub-division of the common country.

What can the emperor of China expect? Are not republics notorious for their ingratitude?

## RESULTS OF CANADIAN CENSUS.

The returns of the dominion census are very disappointing to those enthusiastic Canadians who expected the population figures to run between eight and nine millions. The total of Canada's inhabitants is only a little above seven millions. Pennsylvania alone contains more people than the whole of the dominion. The enormous increase in population during the last decade, so much talked about, barely reaches 33 per cent. New York City increased over 38 per cent. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia increased not at all, and Prince Edward Island actually lost. Quebec increased a little over 20 per cent, but Ontario's growth was only a fraction more than 15. The largest rate of increase is shown in the western provinces, but the population there is still scanty, the gross total falling far below expectation.

Before the census was taken the Canadians were claiming 750,000 for Montreal. The count shows about 450,000. Estimates for Toronto show about the same rate of shrinkage. Winnipeg has grown to be a city of 125,000 inhabitants, but it has not increased in the same ratio that Seattle, Portland and Spokane have. In short, Canada has not grown as rapidly as her vast territory and liberal land laws warranted. Texas and Oklahoma added more inhabitants to their population than the entire dominion did during the ten-year period just ended. California, Oregon and Washington did the same thing.

Guess Uncle Sam has not gone into the back number class just yet. Canada may not want trade reciprocity with us, but we have got her lashed to the mast on the baby count, and then some.—Oakland Tribune.

## NO FAVORITE CANDIDATE.

"Mr. Bryan is not going to oppose the candidate of the democratic party, no matter who is nominated," says the Watsonville Register, which goes on to say that Judson Harmon will be the nominee. Mr. Bryan ostensibly supported Alton B. Parker in 1904. Perhaps the Register can recall the quality of that support and how much it availed the democratic candidate. Where the Bryan following was the largest the Parker vote was smallest. Bryan has taken much pains to inform his partisans that he regards Harmon with suspicion and disfavor; that he looks upon the Buckeye governor as a friend of "the interests" and a secret foe to the rights of the people. Every reader of the Bible knows how Joab rescued Absalom from the branches of the tree. Any democrat nominated against Bryan's wish will feel the edge of Joab's sword in the campaign.

## ADMISSION DAY.

Forty-seven years ago today Nevada was admitted into the Union and became known as the "Battle Born State." It was during the Civil war that this great state of ours was taken into the Union of states and it was Nevada that saved the day and made this free government of ours. Had it not been for Nevada silver liberally donated to the Union cause to carry on the war at a time when money was needed, many more pages of history would have been added to the cruel Civil war, telling of hundreds of thousands of additional deaths that must have transpired. Today Nevada is looked upon by the world as the king of metal producing states, and praise for the Sage-brush commonwealth is heard in every land. Long may she continue to prosper.

## SURPRISE TO OUR NEIGHBOR.

Our Canadian neighbors will probably be surprised to learn that the American people have not gone into bankruptcy nor put themselves on starvation rations—haven't even lost any sleep—because of the failure of reciprocity. It is an illusion cherished to this day in Belgium that the Belgian contingent won the battle of Waterloo and would have taken Paris but for the interference of the Prussians and the English. The Canadians have the same expansive ideas of their relative importance in the affairs of the world. The sunken splashing around in a puddle always imagines himself to be a whale.

A man in Chicago was arrested for trying to feed a roll of money to a horse. Evidently he had confounded the equine appetite with that of the taxi.

A New York pastor has urged women to use paint for the restoration of complexions. According to reports, they do not need any urging.

The talesmen in the McNamara case average about 60 years of age. What will those who are selected average when the trial is over?

In the investigation of charges against public officials the proof seems to be in "chewing the rag" and not in eating the pudding.

A dog was operated upon for appendicitis at Oroville the other day. Gee, but it is great to be aristocratic, even if you are a dog.

Isn't there enough evidence in the Stephenson case without the committee admitting the hearsay of Lieutenant Governor Morris?

Of course the German chancellor regrets the high cost of living. Not so poignantly, however, as to let in American meat.

Perhaps some day the naval department will discover the Pacific coast and give it a chance to observe a battleship fleet.

W. R. Hearst is a democrat again. His campaign managers have not yet decided what party he will join next week.

The professional beggar of San Francisco who left \$50,000 has ruined the trade of his colleagues for some time to come.

The bathtub trust seems to have been injured beyond the capacity of the plumber to repair.

## BUTLER FILMS FOR THIS EVENING WILL BE GOOD

UNUSUALLY GOOD PROGRAM IS  
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